

CURRICULUM VITAE

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CONTACT INFORMATION

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AREAS OF EXPERTISE AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

Industrial Organization of Agro-food Sectors; Public Economics; Economics of Development and Environmental Economics.

CURRENT ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs, Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences, American University of Beirut - AUB (since September 2010).
- Assistant Professor of Economics, AUB (since September 2006).
- President, Lebanese Economic Association www.leb-econ.org (since 2007).
- Expert, Middle East Youth Initiative, Wolfensohn Center for Development at Brookings and Dubai School of Government (since 2007).
- Associate Researcher, Toulouse School of Economics, GREMAQ-INRA, France (since 2005).

EDUCATION

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| 2001-2004 | Ph.D. (Economics - summa cum laude), University of Toulouse, France. |
| 2001-2002 | European Diploma in Advanced Quantitative Economics, University of Toulouse. |
| 2000-2001 | M.Sc. (Econ - distinction), Economics of the Environment and Natural Resources, University of Toulouse. |

1999-2000 MBA (distinction), Paris Graduate School of Management, European School of Management, France.

1996-2000 BA (Econ) American University of Beirut, Lebanon.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Academic Appointments

09/2010 – Present *American University of Beirut, Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences, Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs.*

09/2006 – Present *American University of Beirut, Assistant Professor of Economics.*

Spring 2006 *American University of Beirut, Senior Lecturer in Econometrics.*

2004-2005 *University of Toulouse, France, Teaching and Research Associate.*

2001-2004 *French Ministry of Higher Education & Research, University of Toulouse, Teaching Assistant.*

Short-term Visiting Academic Appointments

01/2005 *Center for Interuniversity Research on Organizations (CIRANO), Montréal, Canada (invited by Prof. Marcel Boyer).*

09/2003-12/2003 *London School of Economics, STICERD, Economics of Industry Group, UK (invited by Prof. John Sutton).*

Public Sector Appointments

01/2010 – 12/2010 *Ministry of Telecommunications, Lebanon, Economic Policy Advisor to the Minister.*

10/2005-09/2006 *The World Bank, Economist, Poverty Reduction and Economic Management Group (PREM), Lebanon.*

04/2005-10/2005 *The World Bank, Economic Consultant, Middle East and North Africa Social and Economic Development Group (MNSED), Beirut, Lebanon.*

2004-2005 *National Institute for Agronomy Research (INRA), France, Associate Researcher, Agricultural Markets and Food Industry Center, Toulouse.*

PUBLICATIONS

Articles in Refereed Journals

- 2010 Bouamra-Mechemache Z. and **J. Chaaban**, “Protected Designation of Origin Revisited”, *Journal of Agricultural & Food Industrial Organization* 2010: Vol. 8 : Iss. 1, Article 5.
- 2010 **Chaaban, Jad**, “Labor Markets Performance and Migration Flows in Lebanon”, *European Economy Occasional Papers*. 60, vol. 3, pp. 157-200, May 2010. Brussels.
- 2010 N. Salti and **J. Chaaban**, “Role of sectarianism in the Allocation of Public Expenditure in Post-War Lebanon”, *Int. J. Middle East Stud.* 42 (2010), 637–655.
- 2010 N. Salti and **J. Chaaban**, “The Poverty and Equity Implications of a Rise in the Value Added Tax”, *Middle East Development Journal*, 2010, vol. 2(01), pages 121-138.
- 2010 N. Salti, **J. Chaaban**, and F. Raad, Firas, “Health equity in Lebanon: a micro-economic analysis”, *International Journal for Equity in Health*, 2010, 9:11
- 2010 Bouamra-Mechemache Z. and **J. Chaaban**, “Determinants of Adoption of Protected Designation of Origin Label: Evidence from the French Brie Cheese Industry”, *Journal of Agricultural Economics* 2010 vol. 61(2), pages 225-239.
- 2009 **Chaaban, J.**, “Measuring Youth Development: A Nonparametric Cross-country 'Youth Welfare Index'”, *Social Indicators Research*, Volume 93, Number 2 / September, 2009.
- 2009 **Chaaban, J.**, “Youth and Development in the Arab Countries: The Need for a Different Approach”, *Middle Eastern Studies*, Vol. 45, No. 1, 33–55, January 2009.
- 2008 **Chaaban, J.**, “Using Cost Allocation to Partially Regulate Multi-market Utilities”, *Competition and Regulation in Network Industries*, vol.9, p. 283-312, September 2008.
- 2007 **Chaaban, J.** and A. Thomas, “A Structural Model for Evaluating the Sector-Specific Impacts of Preferential Trade Agreements”, *Journal of Industry, Competition and Trade*, vol. 8(1), pages 73-88, March 2007.
- 2005 **Chaaban, J.**, V. Réquillart and A. Trevisiol, “The Role of Technical Efficiency in Takeovers: Evidence from the French Cheese Industry, 1985-2000”, *Agribusiness, An International Journal*, vol. 21, pp. 545-564, Autumn

2005.

Books and Chapters in Books

- 2009 **Chaaban, J.** “The Impact of Instability and Migration on Lebanon’s Human Capital”, in Dhillon and Yousef (eds.), *Generation in Waiting: The Unfulfilled Promise of Young People in the Middle East*, Brookings Institution Press, 2009 (ISBN-10: 0815703147)
- 2008 **Chaaban, J.**, W. Moussa and H. Hasserjian, “Testing the Consistency of Trade Liberalization Between Developed and Developing Countries: A Panel Data Approach”, *International Symposium on Globalization, Democratization and Turkey Proceedings*, Akdeniz University, March 2008, ISBN 978-975-7666-88-2.
- 2006 Boumahdi, R., **J. Chaaban**, and A. Thomas, “Import Demand Estimation with Country and Commodity Effects: Application of Multi-way Unbalanced Panel Models” in B. Baltagi (ed.) *Panel Data Econometrics 274, Theoretical Contributions and Empirical Applications*, Elsevier Science 2006.

Reports and Peer Reviewed Publications

- 2010 Bouamra-Mechemache, Z. & **Chaaban, J.**, "Is the Protected Designation of Origin (PDO) Policy Successful in Sustaining Rural Employment?" 116th Seminar, October 27-30, 2010, Parma, Italy 94987, European Association of Agricultural Economists.
- 2010 **Chaaban, J.**, “Job Creation in the Arab Economies: Navigating Through Difficult Waters”, *Arab Human Development Reports Research Paper Series*, n.3, 2010. <http://www.arab-hdr.org/publications/other/ahdrps/paper03-en.pdf>
- 2009 **J. Chaaban**, “Higher Education and Labor Market Outcomes in Lebanon”, Hariri Foundation for Sustainable Human Development and American University of Beirut.
- 2009 Aras, B., **J. Chaaban**, O. Genç and E. İlhan, “State and Anti-System Party Interactions in Turkey and Lebanon: Implications for European Policy”, *EuroMesco Paper* 82, March 2009.
- 2008 **Chaaban, J.**, “The Costs of Youth Exclusion in the Middle East” (May 2008), *Middle East Youth Initiative Working Paper* No. 7. Available at SSRN: <http://ssrn.com/abstract=1139172>.
- 2007 **Chaaban, J.** and K. Gebara, “Development in a Polarized Society: Looking at Economic and Social Development in Lebanon through a Different Lens”, *Abaad* no.11, Lebanese Center for Policy Studies (in Arabic), 2007.

- 2007 “Resolving Jordan’s Labor Market Paradox of Concurrent Economic Growth and High Unemployment”, The World Bank MNSSED Report (with Susan Razzaz et al.), The World Bank, Washington D.C.
- 2006 “Egypt: Toward A More Effective Social Policy: Subsidies and Social Safety Net”, The World Bank MNSSED Report (with Radwan Shaban et al.), The World Bank, Washington D.C.

Articles in Working Papers Series

- 2010 “The Political Economy of Attracting Public Funds: The Case of Lebanon”, Working Papers 550, Economic Research Forum, revised Sep 2010 (with Nisreen Salti).
- 2009 “The Poverty And Equity Implications Of A Rise In The Value Added Tax: A Microeconomic Simulation For Lebanon”, Working Papers 483, *Economic Research Forum*, revised Apr 2009 (with Nisreen Salti).
- 2005 “Public Labelling Revisited: The Role of Technological Constraints under Protected Designation of Origin Regulation”, 2005, *Economics Working Paper Archive*, INRA, Toulouse (with Daniel Benitez and Zohra Bouamra-Mechemache).
- 2005 “A Structural Model for Evaluating Preferential Trade Agreements”, 2005, *Economics Working Paper Archive*, INRA, Toulouse (with Alban Thomas).
- 2005 “An Estimation of Sutton’s Lower Bound in the French Agro-Food Industries”, 2005, *IDEI Working Papers Series*, Toulouse (with Vincent Réquillart).
- 2004 “Partial Regulation and Cost Allocation in Multi-market Utilities”, 2004, *Economics Working Paper Archive*, INRA, Toulouse.
- 2004 “Technical Efficiency and Technologically Independent Submarkets”, 2004, *Economics Working Paper Archive*, INRA, Toulouse.

Articles in Newspapers

- 2010 *The cost of smoking*, Now Lebanon, May 2010.
- 2010 *To raise or not to raise: Government plans to raise the VAT may increase poverty in Lebanon*, Now Lebanon, April 2010.
- 2009 *Global Economic Crisis: Prosperity and Politics in Lebanon*, The Brookings Institution, online interview, May 4 2009.
- 2009 “Public sector can reduce push factors that drive youth emigration”, Issam

Fares Institute for Public Policy and International Affairs, Research and Policy Memo # 2, AUB, January 2009.

- 2008 “Doing the Sums: A new approach to calculating inflation in Lebanon”, *Lebanon Opportunities*, March 2008.
- 2008 “What inflation indicators for Lebanon (in Arabic)”, *Annahar*, February 15, 2008
- 2008 “Economic Inequality in Lebanon (in Arabic)”, *Al-Akhbar*, January 4, 2008.
- 2005 “Yemen: Another mistake for the International Monetary Fund?” *The Daily Star*, July 25, 2005.
- 2001 “The Francophone Banking and Insurance Sectors in Lebanon”, *Executive Magazine*, July 2001.

Unpublished Manuscripts

- 2004 “The Determinants of Market Structure”, 2004, Thesis in Economics, University of Toulouse and INRA, France.
- 2000 “Le Marketing du Secteur Public au Liban”, 2000, MBA thesis paper, Paris Graduate School of Management – European School of Management, France.
- 1999 “A Five Year Fiscal Plan for the Lebanese Economy”, 1999, American University of Beirut.

RESEARCH GRANTS

Principal Investigator

- 2009-2010 United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA): “Poverty of Palestinian Refugees in Lebanon: Analysis and Targeting” (\$80,000).
- 2009-2010 Lebanese National Council for Scientific Research (LNCSR): “Impact of a rise in VAT on poverty and inequality in Lebanon”, with Nisreen Salti. (\$5,500)
- 2009-2010 Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy and International Affairs (AUB), “The Economics of Tobacco in Lebanon: An Estimation of the Social Costs of Tobacco Consumption” (\$3,000)
- 2009-2010 Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy and International Affairs (AUB), “The Efficiency of Food Labeling as a Rural Development Policy: The Case of Olive Oil in Lebanon” (\$4,500)
- 2008-2009 Hariri Foundation, UNDP, AUB Alumni, ‘Higher Education and Labor Market Outcomes in Lebanon’ (\$12,000)
- 2008-2009 UCODEP, “Production, Consumption, Food Security: Support to Small Producers in Tyre and Bint Jbeil Districts- South Lebanon”, 2008-2009, (\$4,410)
- 2008-2009 International Labor Organization (ILO): ‘Local Socio-Economic Recovery in war-affected areas of South Lebanon’ (\$19,000)
- 2007-2008 AUB Neighborhood Initiative: ‘Who Are the Stakeholders in Ras Beirut’s Seafront Pollution Management?’ (12,000)
- 2007-2008 Ministry of Social Affairs (Lebanon): ‘Mapping of NGOs in Lebanon’ (\$4,500)
- 2007-2008 Lebanese Center for Policy Studies (LCPS): ‘Economic Reform Policies in Lebanon’ (\$2,000)
- 2006-2007 AUB University Research Board Grant: ‘Bribes and Business Startups in Developing Countries’ (\$5,750)

Co-Principal Investigator

- 2008-2009 Economic Research Forum: ‘Cash Targeting in Polarized Societies: The Case of Lebanon’, with Nisreen Salti (\$16,000)

2008-2009 ICARDA, “Achieving Food Security in the Arab World”, February-April 2009, with Rami Zurayk (\$14,000)

Co-Investigator

2009-2012 International Development Research Center (IDRC), “Food and Health in Rural Lebanon: Options to Improve Dietary Diversity, Food Security, Livelihoods and Ecosystem Management”, with Salma Talhouk (\$450,000)

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

2009-2010 AUB Junior Faculty Research Grant.

11/2006 World Bank Celebration of Success Certificate, for the Egypt Poverty and Social Impact Analysis Report.

05/2006 World Bank Lebanon Office SPOT Award for initiative and innovation.

2001-2004 Doctoral Studies Scholarship (three years), *National Institute for Agronomy Research (INRA)* and *Dairy Industry Research Institute (CNIEL)*, France.

INVITED CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

12/2010 American University of Beirut, “Launching the Results of the AUB-UNRWA Socio-Economic Survey of Palestinian Refugees in Lebanon”.

05/2010 American University of Beirut, Tobacco Control Research Group, “An Estimation of the Economic Impacts of Tobacco Consumption”.

04/2010 American University of Beirut, “Workers’ Rights and Entitlements”, Human Rights and Peace Club.

02/2010 Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences, AUB, “Effective public policies for the marketing of Lebanese agro-food products”.

10/2009 UNDP and American University of Beirut, “Brain Drain in Lebanon”.

10/2009 European Delegation Neighborhood Policy Hearings, Lebanon, “The effectiveness of Lebanon’s past trade policies on exports promotion”.

09/2009 American University of Beirut and UNDP, “Higher Education and Labor Market Outcomes in Lebanon”.

- 04/2009 Institute of Finance, Lebanon. Presentation: “Impact of VAT increase on Poverty and Income Distribution in Lebanon”.
- 03/2009 Friedrich Naumann Foundation seminar, Amman, Jordan. “After the Crisis - what went wrong? Or: Can the market still be the solution?”
- 01/2009 European University Institute, Florence, Italy. Presentation: “Labor Markets Performance and Migration Flows in Lebanon”.
- 10/2008 AUB Alumni of Mount Lebanon Chapter, “Brain Drain” Seminar (Causes & Solutions).
- 10/2008 UNICEF Regional Management Team meetings, Amman, Jordan.
- 08/2008 European Association of Agricultural Economics (EAAE) Congress, Ghent, Belgium. Presentation: “The Determinants of Market Structure in the French Dairy Industry”.
- 05/2008 Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) Twenty-fifth session, Sana’a, Yemen. Presentation: “*Regional cooperation for achieving the Millennium Development Goals*”.
- 03/2008 American University of Beirut, *Issam Fares Center for Public Policy and International Affairs*, The Research and Policy Forum on Climate Change and Environment in the Arab World Lecture Series. Presentation: “*Climate Change and Carbon Emissions Trading in the Arab World: A Realistic Answer to the Dangers Ahead?*”.
- 12/2007 Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) Expert Group Meeting, Amman, Jordan. Presentation: “*Doing Business Under Uncertainty: The Role of Public Policy in Mitigating the Risks Firms Face During Conflict*”.
- 11/2007 Second Economic Freedom of the Arab World Conference, Amman. Presentation: “*Whither Corruption? Bribes and Optimal Reforms in Business Startup*”.
- 06/2007 University of Toulouse – INRA, IDEI, France. Seminar on Geographical Indications and Brands: Firm Strategies and Public Policies. Presentation: “*Better to certify or to advertise? Public Labeling Revisited: the Role of Technological Constraints under Protected Designation of Origin*”.
- 05/2007 American University of Beirut, *Issam Fares Center for Public Policy and International Affairs* Panel Discussion. Presentation: “*An Assessment of the Economic Reform Agenda in Lebanon*”.
- 05/2007 American University of Beirut, *Poverty, Inequality and Human Rights*

Conference. Presentation: “Poverty, Inequality and the Distribution of Economic Activity in Lebanon” (in Arabic).

- 04/2007 Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne, Global Postal Research and Education Network Conference. Presentation: *“Using Cost Allocation to Partially Regulate Multimarket Utilities”*.
- 02/2007 Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) Expert Group Meeting, Amman. Presentation: *“Youth and Development in the Arab World”*.
- 10/2005 Freidrich Naumann Foundation’s Regional Conference, Larnaca, Cyprus. Presentation: *“An Economic Assessment of the Euro-Med Partnership”*.
- 08/2004 European Economic Association Congress – Econometric Society European Meeting, Universidad Carlos III, Madrid, Spain.
- 02/2004 International Economics Field Seminar, London School of Economics, UK.
- 11/2003 STICERD Economics of Industry Group Seminar, London School of Economics, UK.
- 10/2003 Third Conference on Regulation, Competition and Universal Service in the Postal Sector, Toulouse, France.

ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

Academic Committees and Institutions

- 2010/2011 Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs, Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences, American University of Beirut - AUB
- Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences representative to the following AUB committees:
- Internal Review Committee
 - University Program Learning Outcomes Committee
 - Interfaculty Financial Aid Committee
- Research Program Co-Director, FAFS-IFI Food Security and Policy in the Middle East Initiative.
- Member of the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences’ Strategic Planning Committee.
- 2009/2010 Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences representative to the

following AUB committees:

University Program Learning Outcomes Committee
Interfaculty Financial Aid Committee
University Committee on General Education.

Coordinator of Undergraduate Studies, Agribusiness Program,
Department of Agricultural Sciences, Faculty of Agricultural and
Food Sciences, AUB.

Research Program Co-Director, FAFS-IFI Food Security and Policy
in the Middle East Initiative.

Member of the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences' Strategic
Planning Committee.

2008/2009 Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences representative to the
following AUB committees:

Interfaculty Financial Aid Committee
Unified Admissions Committee
University Committee on General Education
Ad-Hoc Students Elections Committee
Commencement Committee

Member of the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences' Strategic
Planning Committee

Faculty Research Director, Youth Program, Issam Fares Institute for
Public Policy and International Affairs, AUB.

11/2007- Present Executive Committee elected member, *Initiative for Biodiversity
Studies in Arid Regions (IBSAR)*, AUB.

02/2007- Present Founding member and president, *Lebanese Economic Association*.

2008- Present Associate Researcher, GREMAQ-INRA Toulouse School of
Economics, France.

09/2006- Present Member, *Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy and International
Affairs*, AUB.

2006-2008 Elected Member, Faculty of Arts and Science's Curriculum
Committee, AUB.

11/2003- Present Member, *Royal Economic Society*, *Human Development and
Capability Association* and *European Association of Agricultural*

Economists.

Referee Service for International Journals

European Review of Agricultural Economics
Middle East Development Journal
Journal of Agricultural and Food Industrial Organization
Middle East Review of Economics and Finance
Journal of International Trade & Economic Development
Cahiers d'Economie et de Sociologie Rurale

Reviews for Books and Conference Proceedings

International Association of Agricultural Economists
Pluto Press

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2009-2010 Department of Agricultural Sciences, FAFS, AUB.

Undergraduate courses:

Entrepreneurship in Agribusiness (8 students)

Graduate courses:

Rural Social Change, Development and the Environment (15 students).

2008-2009 Department of Agricultural Sciences, FAFS, AUB.

Undergraduate courses:

Microeconomics of Food and Farming (130 students)

Graduate courses:

Environmental and Natural Resources Economics (10 students).

2006-2008 Department of Economics, FAS, AUB.

Undergraduate courses:

Industrial Organization and Public Policy (29 students)

Economic Development II (33 students)

Introduction to Mathematical Economics (27)

Introductory Microeconomics (225 students)

Economic Statistics (77 students)

Graduate courses:

International Trade Theory (19 students)

Econometrics of Financial Markets (24 students)

MA thesis/project principal advisor: 8 students (graduated in 2007 and 2008).

MA thesis/project examining committee member: 7 students (graduated in 2006 and 2007).

2007-2008 Center for Arab and Middle Eastern Studies (CAMES), AUB.
Introduction to Middle Eastern Studies (Graduate).

PHD THESIS CO-SUPERVISION

2007- Wael Mansour, “*Impact of Migration and Remittances on Labor Markets and Expenditure Patterns: Case Studies from MENA Countries*”, University of Sussex, England.

2006- Roland Riachi, “*Institutions adéquates et régulation d'une ressource naturelle dans une société fragmentée: Théorie et applications à une gestion durable de l'eau au Liban*”, Laboratoire d'Economie de la Production et de l'Intégration Internationale-Energie Politiques Environnement, Université de Grenoble, France.

CONSULTANCIES AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

12/07 – Present Expert, *Middle East Youth Initiative*, Wolfensohn Center for Development at Brookings and Dubai School of Government.

09/06 – Present Member of the Expert Group *Capacity Building for Poverty Reduction*, Ministry of Social Affairs and UNDP, Lebanon.

2008 Consultant for the World Bank, *Health Equity Analysis in Lebanon*.

2007 Consultant for the Development Policy Loan on Social Safety Nets for the Government of Lebanon, The World Bank.

2006 Consultant for the Cost of Environmental Degradation in the Olive Oil Pressing Sector, ELARD, Lebanon.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Languages: Arabic (mother tongue), French, English (excellent); and Spanish (intermediate level).

Software proficiency: Statistical packages: SAS, Stata, Eviews; Programming: Matlab, Mathematica.

Personal Information: Born 07/01/1978 – Married – Nationality: Lebanese.